of India Handicrafts and Gifts Fair and All India Carpet Fair annually.

Comprehensive Broadcasting Bill

2096. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed a Parliamentary Panel to examine all aspects of functioning of Doordarshan and All India Radio to evolve a comprehensive national media policy; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring a comprehensive broadcasting bill before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) A Sub-Committee of the Consultative Committee of MPs attached to this Ministry has been constituted to prepare a positional/Working Paper on Media Policy. Government is also in the process of finalising a comprehensive broadcasting law for the country.

व्यापक कर अपवंचन

2097. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ कंपनियां व्यापक कर अपवंचन के लिए और भारत को कर की भारी रकम से वंचित करने के लिये कुछ अन्य देशों के माध्यम से निवेश करने की कोशिश कर रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने ऐसी कंपनियों की सूची तैयार की है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और ऐसी अवांछित गतिविधियों से निपटने के लिये सरकार क्या-क्या ठोस कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) से (ग) भारत में उन कम्पनियों की आय का कराधान जो अन्य देशों के माध्यम से निवेश कर रही हैं, संबंधित देशों के साथ हुए दोहरे कराधान के परिहार के समझौते द्वारा संशोधित घरेलू कर कानून से नियंत्रित किया जाता है। अतः इस प्रक्रिया से कर अपवंचन का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Writing off outstanding Loans of States

2098. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have received any representation from the State Governments urging the Centre to write off their outstanding loans due from them;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States from whom such representations have been received and the amount of loan outstanding against each state as on March 31, 1995; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard and if so, the amount of outstanding loans which Government have decided or propose to write off in each case and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MUTHRY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be furnished.

Government Directors Involved in ITC Dispute

2099. DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI RAMJI LAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government directors have become personally involved in the affairs pertaining to disputes in ITC Limited;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry on the role played by

Government nominee directors specially of IFCI and IDBI nominee and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government have warned them for involving themselves in the dispute and if so, when and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) It is not the Government but financial institutions who appoint nominee directors on the Boards of assisted companies. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that nominee directors of financial institutions are not personally involved in the affairs pertaining to disputes in ITC Ltd.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Silk Yarn

2100. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of silk yarn imported to meet the demand of the weavers in the country during the last two years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent by Government thereon;

(c) the total quantity of silk yarn likely to be imported during 1995-96; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHIR G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) As a matter of policy, the Government allows limited imports of raw silk for domestic purposes only in the case of exigencies of short supplies and/or abnormal increase in prices of raw silk in the local markets. No such imports have been allowed by the Government during the last two years and at present there is no proposal to allow any such imports of raw silk during 1995-96.

Few Takers for I.T. Property Auction

2101. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Financial Express" dated 30th July, 1995 captioned "Few takers for I.T. property auction";

(b) if so, what are the reasons for low off-take of such property;

(c) whether any alternate system would be formulated; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some properties put up for public auction by the Income-tax Department remain unsold due to local market conditions and various other reasons;

(c) and (d) The properties which remain unsold in atleast 3 public auctions are put up for sale by inviting sealed tenders. For properties remaining unsold even after inviting sealed tenders, the Chief Commissioners may enter into direct negotiations with public sector undertakings and State Governments/ Central Government Departments for their sale.

Income Tax on Income Derived from Advertisements

2102. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that income derived from advertisements in convertible foreign curency were allowed to be eligible for deduction under section BDHHC of the Income-tax Act;

(b) whether the said deduction is not being allowed now to trade journals and periodicals; if so, the reasons therefor; and